



PastSearch Newsletter



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June Round Up

It's been a busy month with two sites monitored, one at Welham Bridge and one at Ellerton. The site work at both has been completed and the post-excavation work and report writing has started.

Appeal following theft of unique Anglo-Saxon stone sculpture



Police are appealing for information after a unique stone artefact was stolen from a church in Hovingham, near Malton.

Some time between 23 May and 6 June 2015, offenders entered All Saints Church in Hovingham and

stole a carved stone which was on display in the recess of a window.

The statue, originally part of a stone cross, dates from the late eighth or early ninth century, and is likely to be contemporary with the shrine panel still preserved in the church. It is particularly notable for its ornate and accomplished carving.

The stone itself is a sandstone from the quarries at Aislaby near Whitby, demonstrating the links between the Anglo-Saxon church at Hovingham and Whitby Abbey, which owned the quarries and exported stone for sculptural monuments to sites across North and East Yorkshire.

The piece measures 51cm high, 23.2cm at its widest, and 12.8cm at its deepest. It is very heavy and will have required a vehicle to remove it.

PC Nick Durkin, of Scarborough Police, said: "Experts have described the stolen sculpture as unique in its form, layout and the quality of its carving. We are making extensive enquiries to return this important historic artefact to its rightful location, and I would urge anyone who knows its whereabouts to get in touch straight away."

Anyone with information that could assist the investigation should contact North Yorkshire Police on 101, select option 2, and ask for PC Nick Durkin or the Scarborough Investigation Hub. You can also email nick.durkin@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk.

If you would prefer to remain anonymous, information can be passed to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Please quote the North Yorkshire Police reference number 12150097388.

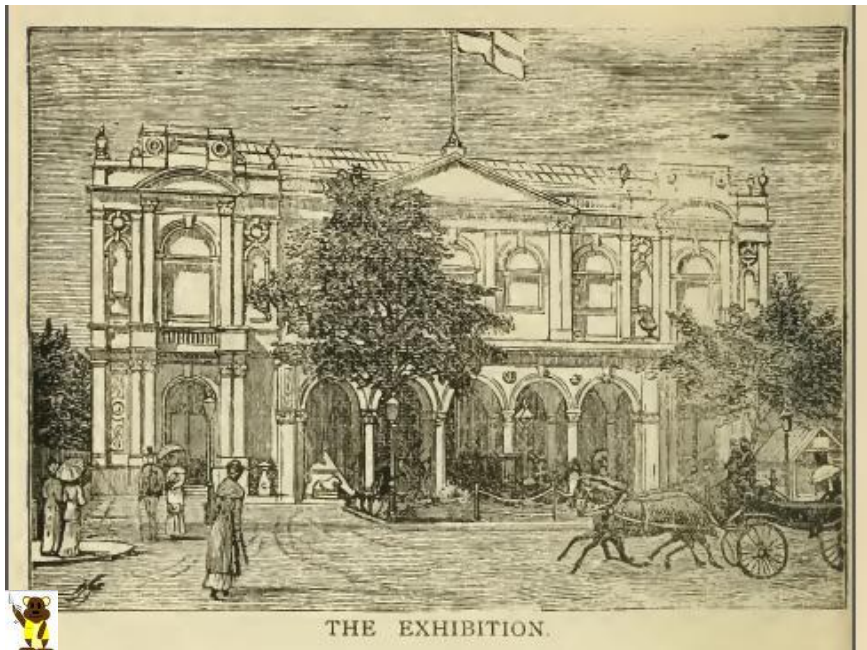
Snippets from Arthur's Guide to York

Historical Sketch: "Perhaps no city in Great Britain is more interesting to the excursionist than York, the capital of Yorkshire, situated on the Ouse and Foss, 198 miles from London, 201 from Edinburgh, at the junction of the three Ridings of the County, and for many legal purposes a county in itself. Once the metropolis of the Romans in Britain, it contains many antiquities illustrating the manners of that warlike nation; afterwards ruled by the Saxons and Danes, it abounds in vestiges of those sturdy peoples. The grand old Minster, battered by the storms of a thousand years, the Norman Castle and Abbey, the Walls, The Bars, the Exhibition, the New Railway Station, the fine old Churches, and a hundred other objects, all combine to make York a place of interest and resort.

Geoffrey of Monmouth attributes the foundation and the name of this famous city to Eboracus, King of Britain, grandson of Æneas, about the time David reigned in Judea. By the Romans it was called Eboracum, the Saxons again changing its Latinism called it Eborwic or Everwic, but how this ultimately became York is uncertain¹. The Roman occupation lasted about 400 years, and from the second campaign of Agricola its history is distinctly recorded. While it was the capital of the most distant Roman province, several emperors visited it – Adrian, Severus, Caracalla, who was crowned within its walls. Severus died in York after a campaign against the Picts; his body was burned on Severus Hill, and the ashes sent in an urn of porphyry to Rome. Constantius, too dying here, it is said, was buried in an old Church once standing in Aldwark. Cinstantine the Great, born here in 272, was afterwards the first Christian Emperor of Rome and the founder of Constantinople.

Not less eventful were the times in York, when Briton, Saxon and Dane contended for power. In its neighbourhood King Arthur achieved most of his brilliant victories. In AD 521, he kept Christmas there (the first year of observing the festival in Britain), and rebuilt some of its churches, then in ruins, destroyed by the heathen Saxons. There, too, the first conversion of the Saxons took place, and the first Christian Churches were setup amongst that people. In 627 Edwin, King of Northumbria was baptised on Easter Day by Paulinus, who became the first Archbishop of York. In 735 Egbert the Archbishop founded his celebrated school, which himself first, then Albert taught, and afterwards acquired great renown under Alcuin, a native of York, and the greatest ornament of the Anglo-Saxon Church, till he became the teacher of Charlemagne.

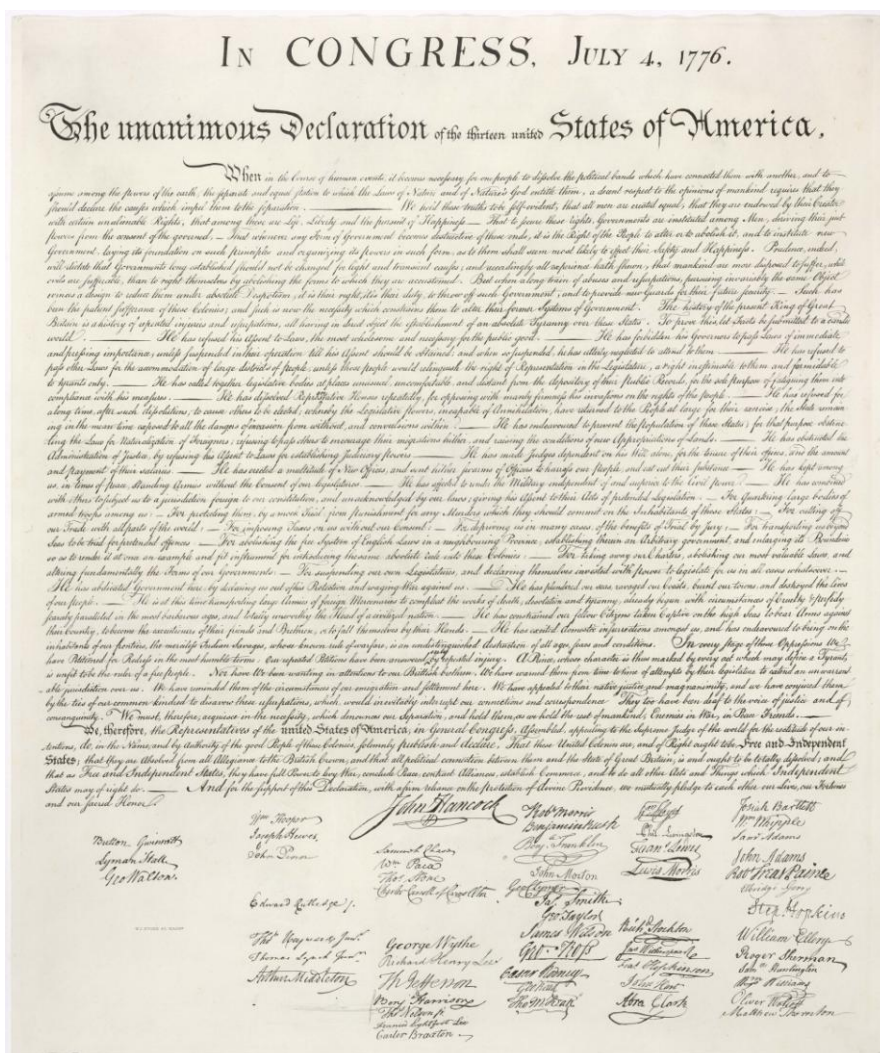
About the close of the tenth century, the population of the city was about 30,000, a great proportion Danes, who harassed the English a great deal. In 1066 Hadrada and Tostig defeated the English at Fulford; a few days later afterwards they were themselves defeated and slain at Stamford Bridge by Harold. Here, when William of Normandy appeared, the brave Saxons made the most determined resistance to his cruel dastardly hordes. In 1068 William built York Castle, called Clifford's Tower; the next year the Danes slew 3000 of the garrison and retook the city, in revenge for which William depopulated the whole country between York and Durham, destroying every house and tree, on which occasion 100,000 human beings perished. At this and even later times on account of the different races occupying the soil, the distance between north and south, York was a city of the greatest importance. Even after the fusion of Saxon, Danish and Norman blood was complete, the city was frequently favoured by the presence of Royalty on their way to and from warfaring on the borders. But Royalty often resided here in times of peace, and Coney Street and Spurriergate were inhabited by the nobility. Thus the streets were gay with their pomp and pageantry, the river glittering with their barges, and the shops of the city, under royal and noble patronage, equalled even those of London. At this time it was a great resort for Jews, who located themselves in two quarters of the city, Jubbergate (now Market Street), and Jewbury, in Layerthorpe. About 2000 of them were murdered by the people in Clifford's Tower in 1190. King John visited York sixteen times. In 1299 Edward I held his parliament here. In 1327 Edward III was married in the Minster to Philippa, niece of John Hainault in here fourteenth year. A quarrel arose between the bride's people and the English, when an engagement took place outside Walmgate Bar, in which 527 Hainaulters and 242 English fell. In 1347 on the Scotch invading England, during the absence of Edward in France, Queen Philippa marched from York in pursuit, and defeating them at Neville's Cross, had Bruce brought a prisoner to the city. In 1509 the first printing press was set up in York. In 1572 the Earl of Northumberland was beheaded on the Pavement. The Duke of Wellington visited York in 1829 and met with a most enthusiastic reception.



In 1866 the Yorkshire Fine Art Exhibition was held and was visited by the Prince and Princess of Wales, and from July 24th to Nov, 2nd, by 380,590 other persons. On 22nd April, 1878, the foundation stone of the present permanent Exhibition was laid by the Lord Mayor, attended by the Council and Aldermen of the City, and Mayors, Professors, Clergy and gentry from distant places. It was opened My 7th, 1879, and was a source of great attraction. Since the civil wars and banishment of the Stewarts, York has lost caste, but it will always be a favourite resort to the traveller."

Arthur's Guide to York 1989

4th July – American Independence Day



"When armed conflict between bands of American colonists and British soldiers began in April 1775, the Americans were ostensibly fighting only for their rights as subjects of the British crown. By the following summer, with the Revolutionary War in full swing, the movement for independence from Britain had grown, and delegates of the Continental Congress were faced with a vote on the issue. In mid-June 1776, a five-man committee including Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin was tasked with drafting a formal statement of the colonies' intentions. The Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence—written largely by Jefferson—in Philadelphia on July 4, a date now celebrated as the birth of American independence."

To find out more and video go to

www.history.com/topics/american-revolution/declaration-of-independence

In This Month in History (July)

Here is at least one event for each day of this month from around the world. Links to more details of these and other events can be found at

<http://pastsearch-archaeo-history.co.uk/on-this-day/>

Date	Year	Country	Event
1	1858	UK	Joint reading of Charles Darwin and Alfred Russel Wallace's papers of evolution at Linnean Society, London.
2	1937	Pacific Ocean	Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan disappear whilst attempting first equatorial round the world flight.
3	1938	UK	World speed record for steam railway locomotive set by the Mallard at 126 miles/hour (203 km/h).
4	1817	USA	Construction of Erie Canal began in Rome, New York.
5	1865	UK	Salvation Army founded in London.
6	1785 1942	USA Netherlands	The dollar was chosen as monetary unit. Anne Frank and family went into hiding in Amsterdam.
7	1928	USA	Sliced bread sold for first time by Cillicothe Baking Co, Missouri.
8	1948	USA	Female recruits accepted into US Air Force (WAF).
9	1357	Czech Republic	Foundation stone of Charles Bridge laid, Prague.
10	1925	USA	Trial of John T Scopes began – accused of teaching evolution.
11	1848	UK	Waterloo Station, London opened.
12	1543	England	Henry VIII married Catherine Parr at Hampton Court Palace.
13	1919	UK	Airship R34 completed first return journey across Atlantic in 182 hours.
14	1960	Tanzania	Jane Goodall started study of Chimpanzees in the wild.
15	1799	Egypt	Rosetta Stone discovered by Pierre-François Bouchard.
16	1644	York	York surrendered to the Parliamentary forces.
17	1717	GB	George I sailed down River Thames with a barge of 50 musicians, where Handel's Water Music was premiered.
18	64	Roman Empire	Great Fire of Rome.
19	1545	England	The Mary Rose sank off the coast of Portsmouth.
20	1782	York	Funeral and interment of the Marquis of Rockingham at Minster.
21	1925	UK	Sir Malcolm Campbell became first man to break 150mph land barrier at Pendine Sands, Wales.
22	1298	Scotland	Battle of Falkirk (Wars of Scottish Independence).
23	1986	UK	Prince Andrew, Duke of York married Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey.
24	1567	Scotland	Mary, Queen of Scots, forced to abdicate in favour of her 1 year old son James VI.
25	306	York	Constantius died in York. Constantine, his son was proclaimed Emperor.
26	1745	GB	First recorded women's cricket match played near Guildford.
27	1866	Ireland/ Newfoundland	First permanent transatlantic telegraph cable completed.
28	2008	UK	Grand Pier, Weston-super-mare, burned down.
29	1981	UK	Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer marry at St. Paul's Cathedral, London.
30	1962	Canada	Trans-Canada Highway officially opened.
31	1970	UK	Last day of the sanctioned rum ration in the Royal Navy (Black Tot Day).

HOSM Local History Society (Archaeology Club)

The venue has been changed to the Social Club, next door to the Village Hall, High Street.



Meetings are now being held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.00pm.



Last Month's Talk – 15 June
Thanks to Chris Rock who gave a very informative presentation on the Battle of Stamford Bridge

Future Meetings

20 July – Sheila Smith – Methodist Chapel

17 Aug – AGM & Roman Research Project

21 Sept – Chris Cade – Arthur Walker's Great War

19 Oct – Phil Judkin – More Deadly than the Male, Unusual Jobs Done by Women in Wartime

Community Archaeology Project Festival of Archaeology 2015

This year's Festival of Archaeology, organised by the Council of British Archaeology, will be running across the country from 11th to 26th July.

As part of this festival there will be two opportunities to hear the latest news on Holme-on-Spalding Moor Community Archaeology Project which started last year.

There will be an exhibition on the Saturday 11 July, with fund raising for Macmillan Cancer Care. Objects found from the test pits will be on show, along with photographs and information about the archaeology of the area.

On Monday 13 July, the regular monthly meeting will also look at the progress of the project.

Both events to be held at Holme-on-Spalding Moor Social Club.

For more details see posters on pages 9 & 10.

Look forward to meeting you there.



Picture This



Skidby Windmill

Built in 1821 By Norman & Smithson of Hull, millwrights, which replaced an earlier post mill.

Between 1854 & 1962 it was owned by the Thompson family, they also owned a water mill at Welton & a steam roller at Hull.

Whilst other mills closed, Skidby continued as they converted to the production of animal feed.

The sails were disconnected in 1954 when electric machinery was installed.

Sold to the Beverley Rural District Council in 1962 for use as a museum, & fully restored in 1974.

Do You Know Where This Is?



Answer in Issue 32

Just For Fun



This is Colin the digging hamster, he is hiding on one of the pages in this newsletter, can you find him?

Spot the Difference



There are 5 differences to spot

Answers on page 7

Dates For Your Diary

1 Jul	ERAS Field Study Group	5 Aug	ERAS Field Study Group
11 Jul	Festival of Archaeology – HOSM Community Archaeology Project Exhibition. 11.00am-2.00pm (see advert p.11)	10 Aug	PastSearch – Karen Adams – Lendal Bridge, 1.00pm (see advert p.10)
13 Jul	PastSearch – Karen Adams – HOSM Community Archaeology Project, 1.00pm (see advert p.10)	17 Aug	HOSM Local History Society – AGM & Roman Research Project, 7.00pm
18 Jul	North Duffield Big Village Dig, 10.00am-4.00pm		
22, 24, 29 & 31 Jul	Castle Museum Talk – Rich & Poor in Victorian York, 12.00-1.00pm		
22, 24, 29 & 31 Jul	Castle Museum Talk – Rich & Poor in Victorian York, 12.00-1.00pm		
28 Jul	Yorkshire Museum Talk – Coinage of Edward I, 12.30pm		

If you have an event you would like to include in Dates For Your Diary, or would like to submit an article regarding the history/archaeology in your area, please send to Karen at

pastsearch@hotmail.com

Just For Fun Answers



Find Colin on page 3



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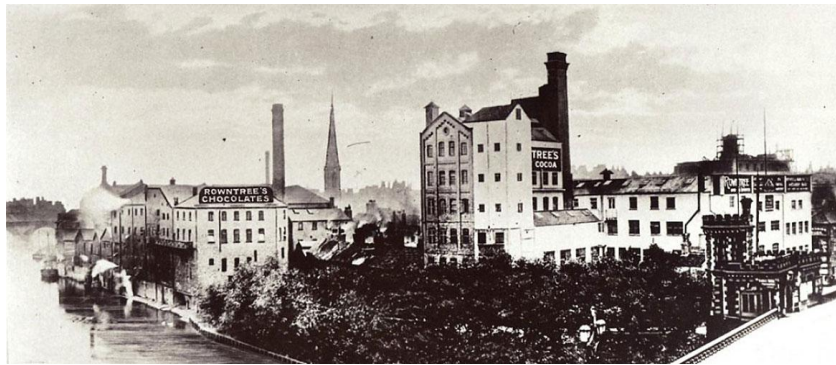
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Get the latest news and information to you computer or mobile

What's Been in the News

These articles were shared on Facebook during the last month. To see similar articles as they come into the news follow PastSearch on Facebook.



Magic Memories of Rowntree's in Words & Pictures

“At its peak, the Rowntree works was a town within a town. The factory had its own fire brigade, classrooms and sports facilities, and generations of the same families worked within its walls.”

Read more at: <http://www.yorkmix.com/life/history/sex-classes-and-wotton-pies-magic-memories-of-rowntrees-in-words-and-pictures/>

Adam's Calendar

www.ancient-origins.net

Neolithic Europe's Remote Heart

www.archaeology.org

New Photos Reveal Giant Easter Island Moai Statues are Covered in Mysterious Symbols

www.ancient-origins.net

Dark Side of Medieval Convent Life Revealed

<http://news.discovery.com>

Ancient Roman god figure discovered

www.yorkmix.com

Out & About with Col



Working at the Ellerton site, digging a large pit in Trench 2

Archaeological Services

Free no obligation estimates available on request

PastSearch offers archaeological services including desk-based assessments, written scheme of investigations, watching briefs and monitored evaluations, working in the North Yorkshire and East Riding.

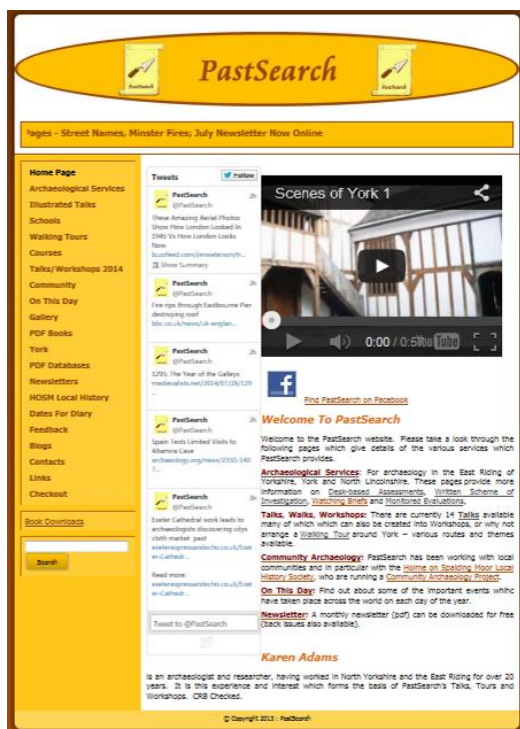
With over 20 years of local knowledge, *PastSearch* aims to provide a reliable and flexible service regarding small and medium sized projects, including private and commercial developments. We also aim to keep costs to the client at a reasonable rate whilst maintaining professional standards.

CAD Illustration service also available.

For a price list and more information please email: archaeology-pastsearch@hotmail.co.uk or ring Karen on 07811 877 469.

Visit the PastSearch Website

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Presentations

Here are just three of the presentations on offer from *PastSearch*.



Eboracum to York

From Roman occupation to our modern city, take a trip through time, and view the changing faces of York.



Walking Around the Walls

Take a trip around the city walls, without leaving your seat.



Day in the Life of an Archaeologist

Find out the procedures that take place on site and in post-ex.

Or a talk can be created for your group

Education

PastSearch offers workshops which can be booked as a single activity or as a course.

These workshops may include activity sheets, model making, hands-on artefacts and replicas.

They will also relate to the archaeological evidence of the area closest to the venue possible.

Karen Adams has worked in North Yorkshire and the East Riding area for over 20 years and CRB checked.

For more details of
Presentations and Workshops
Go to

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Afternoon History/Archaeology Talks

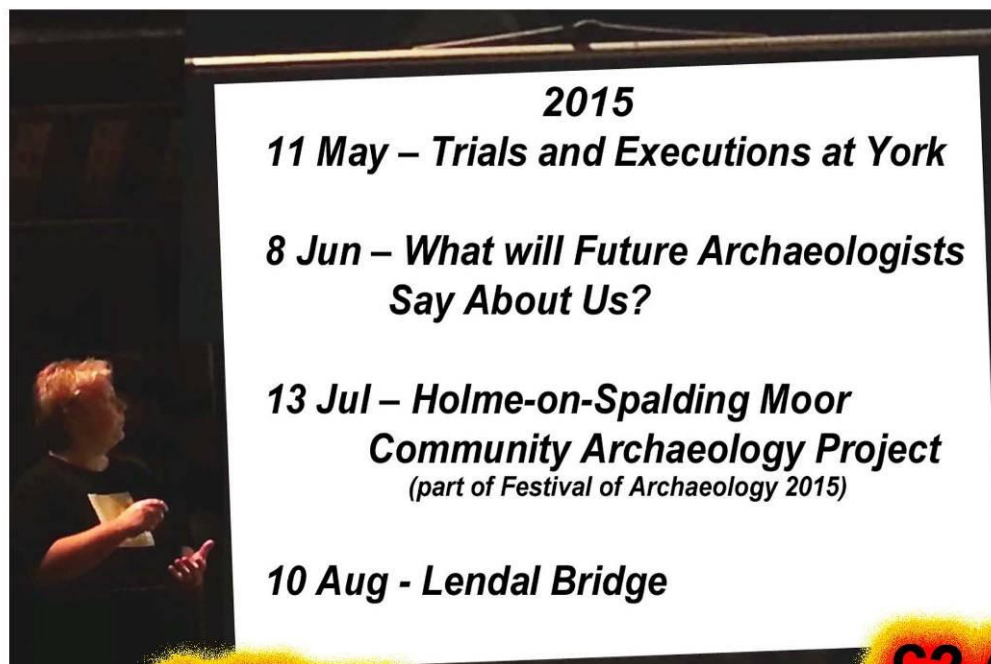


**at
The Social Club,**

**next to Village Hall, High Street,
Holme-on-Spalding Moor**



**Join Karen Adams for these talks
with a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits**



2015

11 May – Trials and Executions at York

**8 Jun – What will Future Archaeologists
Say About Us?**

**13 Jul – Holme-on-Spalding Moor
Community Archaeology Project
(part of Festival of Archaeology 2015)**

10 Aug - Lendal Bridge

1.00pm

£2.00



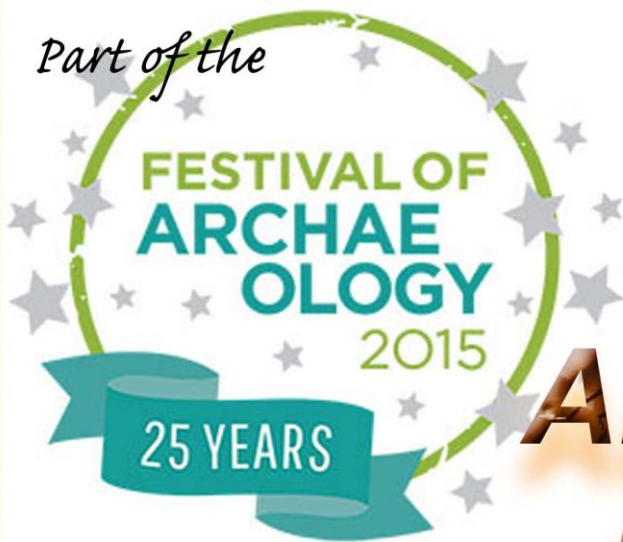
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Part of the



Council for
British Archaeology

**Saturday
11 July 2015**

Archaeology Exhibition

at

**The Social Club,
next to Village Hall, High Street,
Holme-on-Spalding Moor**



**Find out about the local heritage and catch up
on the results of the HOSM Community
Archaeology Project**

11.00am - 2.00pm



Admission Free



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